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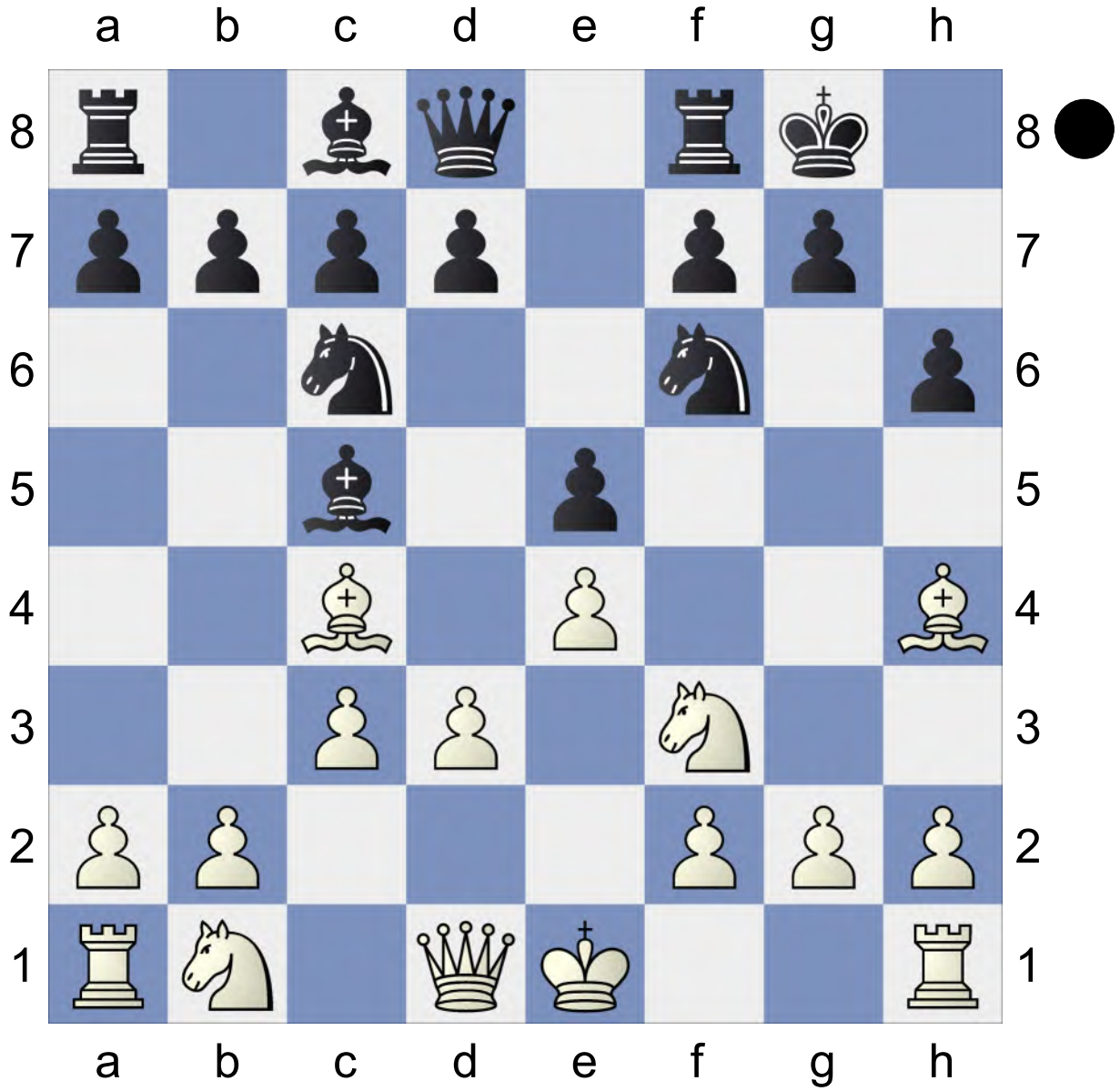
Chess Notes 2025



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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3
Bc5 5.c3 0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4

	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1	. . . d6[1]	Nbd2 Qe7	0-0 Be6	h3 Bxc4	Nxc4 b5	Ne3 Bxe3	fxe3 Rae8	Qb3 a6	Qa3 a5[2]
2	. . . . . .	. . . . . .	b4 Bb6	Bb3 a6	Nc4 Be6	0-0 Ba7	a4 Kh7	Re1 g5	Bg3 Qd7[3]

	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
3	. . .	. . .	a4	Qe2	h3	g4	Nxc4	Ne3	dxe4
	. . .	Re8	Be6	a6	Ba7	Bxc4	d5	dxe4	g5[4]
4	. . .	. . .	. . .	Bxe6	b4	cxb4	a5	0-0	a6
	. . .	. . .	. . .	Rxe6	Nxb4	Bxb4	d5	c6	b6[5]
5	. . .	. . .	Bb3	h3	axb3	b4	Qe2	Nf1	N3d2
	. . .	. . .	Be6	Bxb3	Bb6	a6	Re6	d5	Qd7[6]
6	. . .	. . .	Bb5	Ba4	0-0	Bc2	h3	a4	Bg3
	. . .	Na5	a6	Ba7	c5	b5	Kh8	b4	Rb8[7]
7	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	Bc2	a4	axb5	Nf1	Nxg5
	. . .	. . .	. . .	b5	Ba7	Nc6	axb5	g5	hxg5[8]
8	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	Nf1	Ng3	d4	b3
	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	Bb6	Be6	g6	Kg7	g5[9]
9	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	b4	a4	axb5	Rxa8
	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	Nc6	Bb6	Be6	axb5	Qxa8[10]
10	. . .	. . .	0-0	a4	b4	Rb1	a5	Kh1	Bg3
	. . .	Bb6	Qe7	a6	Nd8	Ne6	Ba7	Nf4	Ng6[11]
11	. . .	. . .	Bg3	0-0	Bb3	Nh4	Nc4	d4	a4
	. . .	g5	Bb6	Kg7	g4	Nh5	Qg5	f6	exd4[12]
12	. . .	. . .	. . .	a4	h3	Bh2	Qe2	g4	Nf1
	. . .	. . .	a6	Ba7[13]	Kg7	Be6	Ne7	Ng6	d5[14]
13	. . .	. . .	. . .	Qe2	Bb3	hxg3	Nf1	exd5	g4
	. . .	. . .	Be6	Nh5	Nxg3	Kg7	d5	Bxd5	e4[15]
14	. . .	. . .	Nxg5	Bxg5	Qf3	h4	0-0-0	Bd5	Rdg1
	. . .	. . .	hxg5[16]	Kg7	Kg6[17]	Rh8	Be6	Rh7	Qh8[18]
15	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	Bd5[19]	Qxf6+	Bxf6+	Bxb7
	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	Be6	Nb8[20]	Qxf6	Kxf6	Nd7[21]
16	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	b4	Bd5	b5	Bxb7
	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	Bb6	a5	Nb8	Ra7[22]

	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
17	. . .	. . .	Bb3[23]	Ba4	Nf1	Nxg5	Bxg5	Qf3	Ne3
	. . .	a5	Be6	Bd7	g5	hxg5	Kg7	Rh8	Bxe3[24]
18	. . .	. . .	a4	Bg3	h4	Nh2	f3	Qe2	gxf3
	. . .	. . .	g5[25]	Nh7	g4	h5	Kh8	gxf3	Be6[26]
19	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	Nf1	h3	Qe2	N3h2	Qf3
	. . .	. . .	. . .	Nh5	Qf6	Ba7	Ne7	Nf4	Neg6[27]
20	. . .	. . .	. . .	h3	Nf1	Bxe6	Ne3	g4	fxe3
	. . .	. . .	Ba7	Qe7	Be6	Qxe6	Ne7	Bxe3	Ng6[28]
21	. . .	. . .	. . .	0-0	Bg3	Kh1	Bd5	Bb3	Nc4
	. . .	. . .	. . .	g5	Kg7	Nh5	Ne7	Ng6	c6[29]
22	. . .	. . .	h3	Bb5	Ba4	d4	Bc2	Bg3	Bh2
	. . .	. . .	Be6	Na7	b5	Bb6	g5	Nh5	Nf4[30]
23	. . .	. . .	. . .	Bg3	Qc2	0-0-0	d4	cxd4	Qc3
	. . .	. . .	g5	Nh7	Kh8	f5	exd4	Nxd4	Qf6[31]
24	. . .	. . .	0-0	Bg3	Re1	h3	d4	dxe5	Bb5
	. . .	. . .	g5	Ba7	Nh7	Qf6	h5	dxe5	h4[32]
25	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	Re1	Nf1	h4	N3d2	exf5
	. . .	. . .	. . .	Kg7	Nh7	h5	g4	f5	Bxf5[33]
26	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	Bd5[34]	d4	cxd4	Bc4	Nh4
	. . .	. . .	. . .	Nh7	Ne7	exd4	Bb6	g4	Bxd4[35]
27	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	Re1	h4	Nh2	a3	Nhf1
	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	h5	g4	a4	Kh8	f5[36]
28	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	Nh4	Kh1	a3	b4	axb4
	. . .	. . .	. . .	g4	Nh5	Kh8	Bd7	axb4	Rxa1[37]
29	. . .	. . .	. . .	Bb5	Ba4	Bc2	d4	h3	Nxf3
	. . .	. . .	Be6	Na7	b5	Bb6	Bg4	Bxf3	Nc6[38]
30	. . .	. . .	. . .	Re1	Bg3	Bb5	d4	Nxd4	Bxe8
	. . .	. . .	. . .	g5	Re8	Bb6	exd4	Nxd4	Qxe8[39]

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31	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	a4	Nxc4	Bg3	Ne3	fxe3
	. . .	. . .	. . .	Re8	Bxc4[40]	g5	Qd7	Bxe3	Rad8[41]
32	. . .	. . .	Bb3	0-0	Nxg5	Bxg5	Kh1	f4	Kxh2
	. . .	Be6	Bb6	g5	hxg5	Kg7	Rh8	Rxh2+	Qh8+[42]
33	. . .	. . .	h3	Nxg5	Bxg5	Qf3	h4	Bxe6	Rh3
	. . .	. . .	g5	hxg5	Kg7	Rh8	Nb8	fxe6	Nbd7[43]
34	. . .	. . .	0-0	Bg3	Nxe5	Qxh5	Nxc4	dxc4	Kh1
	. . .	. . .	g5	Nh5	Nxe5	Nxc4	Bxc4	Qf6	Rae8[44]
35	. . .	. . .	Bb5	Bxf6	Nh4	Qf3	Nf5	Ba4	g3
	. . .	. . .	Ne7	gxf6	Kh7	Ng6	c6	Qd7	Bxf5[45]
36	. . .	. . .	. . .	Ba4	Bc2	Qe2	Rg1	Bg3	h3
	. . .	. . .	a6	b5	d5	Re8	g5	Bg4	Bh5[46]
37	. . .	. . .	a4	Nxc4	0-0	a5	Re1	Nfd2	Bg3
	. . .	. . .	Bxc4	a6	Re8	Ba7	Qe7	g5	Nd7[47]
38	. . .	. . .	. . .	0-0	Bg3	Bxe6	Nc4	h4	Nfd2
	. . .	. . .	a5	g5	Re8	Rxe6	Re8	g4	d5[48]
39	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	Bxf6	Nh4	Qh5	Bxe6	Kh1
	. . .	. . .	. . .	Ne7	gxf6	Qd7	Kh7	fxe6	Qe8[49]
40	. . .	. . .	. . .	Qe2	h3	Nf1	dxc4	Nxg5	Bxg5
	. . .	. . .	. . .	Bb6	Re8	Bxc4	g5	hxg5	Kg7[50]
41	. . .	. . .	b4	a4	b5	Bxf6	Nh4	Ba2	Qf3
	. . .	. . .	Bb6	a5	Ne7	gxf6	d5[51]	Kh7	dxe4[52]
42	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	0-0	Re1	d4	Bg3
	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	Nb8	Nbd7	Re8	g5	Bxc4[53]
43	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	0-0	Qb3	Bg3	a5	b5
	. . .	. . .	. . .	a6	Qe7	g5	Nh5	Ba7	axb5[54]
44	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	Bxe6	Qb3	d4	cxd4
	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	Ne7	fxe6	Qd7	exd4	Ng6[55]

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45	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	a5	0-0	Bg3	b5	Bxb5
	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	Ba7	g5	Ne8	axb5	Ne7[56]
46	. . .	. . .	0-0	a4	a5	Bg3	h3	Qb3	Rfe1
	. . .	a6	Bg4	Ba7	g5	Ne7	Bh5	Qc8	Ng6[57]
47	. . .	. . .	b4	Nf1	Ne3	fxe3	Bxf6	dxc4	Qc2
	. . .	. . .	Ba7	Be6	Bxe3	Bxc4	Qxf6	Qg6	a5[58]
48	. . .	. . .	h3	Bb3	g4	Nxg5	Bxg5	Qf3	Nf1
	. . .	. . .	b5	Bb6	g5	hxg5	Kg7	Be6	Nb8[59]
49	. . .	. . .	a3	h3	Bg3	Bh2	g4	Nf1	Ng3
	. . .	. . .	Ba7	g5	Kg7	Nh7	Qf6	Be6	Kg8[60]
50	. . .	. . .	a4	b4	0-0	Re1	Rb1	Bg3	b5
	. . .	. . .	Be6[61]	Ba7	Qe7[62]	Rfd8	g5	Kg7	axb5[63]
51	. . .	. . .	. . .	b4	0-0	b5	Bxe6	d4	Nxd4
	. . .	. . .	Ba7	Re8	Be6	Na5	Rxe6	exd4	Bxd4[64]
52	. . .	. . .	. . .	h3	g4	b4	g5	Bxg5	Qe2
	. . .	. . .	Bg4	Bh5	Bg6	Ba7	hxg5	Bh5	a5[65]
53	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	g5	Bxg5	Rg1	b4
	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	hxg5	Bh5	g6	Bb6[66]
54	. . .	. . .	Bb3	0-0	axb3	Nc4	d4	d5	Nxb6
	. . .	. . .	Be6	Bxb3	Re8	Qe7	Bb6	Nb8	cxb6[67]
55	. . .	. . .	. . .	Bc2	0-0	Bg3	h3	Re1	hxg4
	. . .	. . .	. . .	Ba7	g5	Bg4	Bh5	g4	Bxg4[68]
56	. . .	. . .	. . .	Nf1	Bxf6	Nh4	Qh5	Ne3	Bxe6
	. . .	. . .	Ba7	Ne7	gxf6	Be6	Kh7	Rg8	fxe6[69]
57	. . .	. . .	. . .	0-0	Bg3	Nc4	h3	Nfd2	Ne3
	. . .	. . .	. . .	g5	Nh7	h5	Kg7	Kh6	Ne7[70]
58	. . .	. . .	. . .	Qe2	Bg3	Nf1	Ne3	h3	Bxf4
	. . .	. . .	. . .	g5	Nh5	Qf6	Ne7	Nf4	exf4[71]

[1] **7...Be7** Meier,Georg: 'Stamenkovic,Zoran: '- 113/106' is a frequent reaction, defusing any worries about the pin and anticipating a welcome exchange of dark-squared bishops. is a frequent reaction, defusing any worries about the pin and anticipating a welcome exchange of dark-squared bishops.'

[2] **16.Qb3** Rb8 17.Qc2 Qe6 18.a4 b4 19.cxb4 Nxb4 20.Qc4 Qxc4 21.dxc4 Nc2 22.Rac1 Nxe3 23.Bf2 Nxf1 24.Rxf1 Rxb2 25.Nh4 g6 26.Be3 Kh7 27.Rxf6 Kg7 28.Rf3 Rb4 29.Rg3 g5 30.Nf5+ Kg6 31.Ne7+ Kg7 32.h4 Rb1+ 33.Kh2 Rb4 34.hxg5 hxg5 35.Rxg5+ Kh7 36.Rg4 Rxa4 37.Nf5 Rg8 38.Rh4+ Kg6 39.Ne7+ Kg7 40.Nxg8 Kxg8 41.Rg4+ Kf8 42.Bh6+ Ke8 43.Rg8+ Ke7 44.Bf8+ Ke6 45.Rh8 Rxc4 46.g4 Rxe4 47.g5 a4 48.Rh3 Kf5 49.Rg3 c5 50.Rf3+ Kxg5 51.Rxf7 d5 52.Rd7 d4 53.Bxc5 Re3 54.Ra7 d3 55.Bxe3+ Kg4 56.Rxa4+ Kf3 57.Bc5 d2 58.Ra1 Ke2 59.Bd6 d1Q 60.Ra2+ Ke3 61.Bc5+ Ke4 62.Rf2 Qd5 63.Re2+ Kd3 64.Re1 Qxc5 65.Rd1+ Ke2 66.Rb1 Qf2+ 67.Kh3 Qf3+ 68.Kh4 Ke3 69.Re1+ Kf4 70.Rg1 Qf2+ 71.Kh3 Qf3+ 72.Rg3 Qh1# 0-1 (72) Diakoloukas,T-Mitic,F 5. Online Friendship Team Tournament 2021

[3] **16.b5** axb5 17.axb5 Ne7 18.d4 Qxb5 19.Ra5 Qd7 20.dxe5 dxe5 21.Qa1 Bxc4 22.Nxe5 Qc8 23.Bxc4 Bb6 24.Ra2 Ng6 25.Nxf7 Rxa2 26.Qxa2 Qe8 27.e5 Nh5 28.Kf1 Nhf4 29.Bxf4 Nxf4 30.g3 Nh3 31.e6 Bxf2 32.e7 Rg8 33.Re6 Qd7 34.Qc2+ Kg7 35.Qg6# 1-0 (35) Gochelashvili,D (2291)-Rosh,J (2236) Chennai IND 2023

[4] **16.Nxg5** hxg5 17.Bxg5 Bxe3 18.fxe3 Qd6 19.Qf3 Nh7 20.Bh4 Na5 21.Rd1 Qb6 22.0-0 Rf8 23.Rd7 Nc4 24.Bf2 Qc6 25.Rfd1 Nd6 26.Re7 Qxe4 27.Qxe4 Nxe4 28.Rxc7 Rfd8 29.Rdd7 Rxd7 30.Rxd7 b5 31.a5 Nhf6 32.Re7 Rd8 33.g5 Rd1+ 34.Kg2 Rd2 35.gxf6 Rxf2+ 36.Kg1 Rxf6 37.Rxe5 Re6 38.Rd5 Nd6 39.Rc5 Nc4 40.Rc8+ Kg7 41.b4 Nxe3 42.Rb8 Nd5 43.Rc8 Re3 44.Rc6 Rxc3 45.Rxa6 Nxb4 46.Rb6 Rc5 47.a6 Nd5 48.Rb7 b4 49.a7 Ra5 50.Rb5 Ra1+ 51.Kh2 Ra2+ 52.Kg3 Ra3+ 53.Kh2 Nc7 54.Rb7 Ne6 55.h4 b3 56.h5 Nd4 57.Rb4 Nc6 58.Rg4+ Kh7 59.Rc4 Nxa7 60.Rc7 Kg7 61.h6+ Kxh6 62.Rxf7 Nb5 63.Rb7 Nd4 64.Rb6+ Kg5 65.Rb4 Nc2 66.Rb5+ Kf4 67.Kg2 Ke3 68.Kf1 Kd2 69.Kf2 Kc1 70.Ke2 b2 71.Rf5 b1Q 72.Rf1+ Kb2 73.Kd2 Qa1 74.Ke2 Re3+ 75.Kd2 Rd3+ 76.Ke2 Qxf1+ 77.Kxf1 Kc3 78.Ke2 Rd2+ 79.Kf1 Kd3 80.Kg1 Ke3 81.Kf1 Nd4 82.Kg1 Kf3 83.Kh1 Kg3 84.Kg1 Rd1# 0-1 (84) Kavutskiy,K (2342)-Grahn,V (2263) chess.com INT 2024

[5] **16.exd5** Qxd5 17.Bxf6 Rxf6 18.Ne4 Rg6 19.Qe2 Re8 20.Ng3 Bc5 21.Rfd1 Qd7 22.Qb2 f6 23.d4 exd4 24.Nxd4 Rd8 25.Qb3+ Kh8 26.Nxc6 1-0 (26) Korchmar,V (2438)-Dylag,E (2052) chess.com INT 2023

[6] **16.Ne3** Bxe3 17.fxe3 dxe4 18.dxe4 Rd8 19.Bxf6 Rxf6 20.Nf3 Rd6 21.0-0 Qe6 22.Rad1 g6 23.Rxd6 Rxd6 24.Rd1 Kg7 25.Rxd6 cxd6 26.Qd3 Ne7 27.Nd2

b5 28.b3 d5 29.c4 dxc4 30.bxc4 bxc4 31.Nxc4 Nc6 32.Qc3 Qe7 33.Kf2 Qxb4 34.Qxb4 Nxb4 35.Nxe5 a5 36.Nc4 a4 37.Ke2 Kf6 38.Kd2 Nc6 39.Kc3 h5 40.h4 Ne5 41.Nb6 Ng4 42.Nc4 Ne5 43.Nb6 a3 44.Kb3 Ng4 45.Nc4 Nf2 46.Nd2 Nd1 47.Kxa3 Nxe3 48.g3 Ke6 49.Kb4 Ke5 50.Nf3+ Kxe4 51.Ng5+ Kf5 52.Nxf7 Nf1 53.Nd6+ Kg4 54.Nf7 Nxg3 55.Ne5+ Kf5 56.Nf3 Ne4 0-1 (56) JelenaZ (2620)-MELND-777 (2723) Blitz 2023

[7] **16.Rc1** Re8 17.Re1 Qc7 18.d4 bxc3 19.bxc3 Bb7 20.Bh4 Nd7 21.Nf1 Nb6 22.Ne3 Nbc4 23.Nd5 Qd7 24.Nf6 gxf6 25.Bxf6+ Kg8 26.dxe5 Re6 27.Nh2 Nxe5 28.Ng4 Qe8 29.f4 c4+ 30.Kh2 Nd7 31.e5 Kf8 32.Qd2 Nxf6 33.exf6 Rxe1 34.Rxe1 Qc6 35.Be4 d5 36.Ne5 Qd6 37.Bg6 Nc6 38.Nxf7 1-0 (38) Cvak,R (2352)-Morcin,T (2207) LSS email 2018

[8] **16.Bxg5** Bxf2+ 17.Kxf2 Rxa1 18.Qxa1 Ng4+ 19.Kg1 Qxg5 20.Qe1 f5 21.h3 Nh6 22.h4 Qg7 23.exf5 Bxf5 24.Ne3 Be6 25.Bd1 d5 26.Bb3 Qf7 27.h5 d4 28.Bxe6 Qxe6 29.Nc2 Qf5 30.Rh3 Rf7 31.cxd4 Nxd4 32.Nxd4 exd4 33.Rf3 Qxh5 34.Qe8+ Kg7 35.Rg3+ Ng4 36.Rh3 Rf1+ 0-1 (36) McMorrow,J (1997)-Karia, R (1895) lichess.org INT 2020

[9] **16.Nxg5** hxg5 17.Bxg5 Rh8 18.h4 Qe8 19.Qf3 Ng8 20.Nh5+ Rxh5 21.Qxh5 f6 22.Qxe8 Rxe8 23.Be3 exd4 24.cxd4 Bf7 25.0-0-0 d5 26.f3 Nc6 27.h5 f5 28.h6+ Kh7 29.e5 Nxe5 30.Bxf5+ Bg6 31.Bxg6+ Nxg6 32.Bg5 c6 33.Rhe1 Rxe1 34.Rxe1 Bxd4 35.Re6 Nxh6 36.g4 Nf7 37.Bd2 Nge5 38.g5 Kg7 39.f4 Nf3 40.Rxc6 a5 41.Bxa5 Be3+ 42.Kc2 Bxf4 43.Bc3+ Be5 44.Bxe5+ N7xe5 45.Rb6 Nd4+ 46.Kc3 Nec6 47.a4 bxa4 48.bxa4 Kg6 49.a5 Kxg5 50.a6 Kf4 51.Kd3 Ke5 52.Rb7 Kd6 53.a7 Nxa7 54.Rxa7 Ne6 55.Ra6+ Ke5 56.Ke3 Nc5 57.Ra5 Ne6 58.Rb5 Kd6 59.Rb6+ Ke5 60.Rb8 Kd6 61.Rh8 Ke5 62.Rh5+ Kd6 63.Rf5 Kc6 64.Re5 Kd6 65.Rh5 Nc5 66.Kd4 Ne6+ 67.Kc3 Kc5 68.Re5 Kd6 69.Rh5 Kc5 70.Rh6 Kd6 71.Rg6 Ke5 72.Kb4 Nf4 73.Rg5+ Ke4 74.Kc3 Ne6 75.Rg4+ Ke5 76.Rh4 Kd6 77.Kb3 Kc5 78.Kc3 Kd6 79.Kd3 Ke5 80.Rh5+ Kd6 81.Rh4 Kc6 82.Kc3 Kc5 83.Kc2 Nd4+ 84.Kd1 Ne6 85.Rh6 Kd6 86.Rh5 Kc5 87.Re5 Kd6 88.Rf5 Nc5 89.Rh5 Ne6 90.Kd2 Nc5 91.Rh6+ Ne6 92.Ke3 Ke5 93.Rh5+ Kd6 94.Rf5 Kc6 95.Kd3 Kd6 96.Kc3 Kc5 97.Kb3 Nd4+ 98.Kc3 Nxf5 99.Kd2 d4 100.Kd1 Kd5 101.Kc2 Ke4 102.Kd2 d3 103.Kd1 Ke3 104.Kc1 d2+ 105.Kb1 Nh4 106.Kb2 Ke2 107.Ka2 d1Q 108.Kb2 Kd3 109.Ka2 Qd2+ 110.Ka1 Kc4 111.Kb1 Kb3 112.Ka1 Qd1# 0-1 (112) Bellissimo,J (2203)-Zhu,J (2464) chess.com INT 2022

[10] **16.Bxf6** gxf6 17.0-0 Kh7 18.Bb3 Ne7 19.d4 Ng6 20.g3 d5 21.Re1 ½-½ (21) Demchenko,A (2642)-Yakubboev,N (2591) Chess.com INT 2020

[11] **16.d4** Rd8 17.Re1 Be6 18.Qb3 c6 19.Bxe6 Qxe6 20.Qxe6 fxe6 21.dxe5 dxe5 22.Nc4 Rd3 23.Rbc1 Nd7 24.Re2 Rd8 25.Ne1 Nf6 26.Nxd3 Rxd3

27.Nxe5 Nxe5 28.Bxe5 Ng4 29.Bg3 Nf6 30.f3 Kf7 31.Rcc2 Nh5 32.Red2 Re3 33.Bf2 1-0 (33) chessm1105 (2730)-DefiantChair (2575) Blitz 2021

[12] **16.Nxb6** axb6 17.cxd4 Nxg3 18.hxg3 Ne7 19.f4 gxf3 20.Qxf3 Bg4 21.Qc3 c5 22.Kh2 Nc6 23.dxc5 bxc5 24.Nf5+ Bxf5 25.Rxf5 Qg6 26.Bd1 h5 27.Rd5 Rad8 28.Bf3 Rh8 29.Rad1 Nd4 30.b4 h4 31.g4 b6 32.a5 h3 33.g3 bxa5 34.bxc5 dxc5 35.Rxc5 Nxf3+ 36.Qxf3 Rxd1 37.Qxd1 Qxe4 38.Qd7+ Kh6 39.Qd2+ Kg6 40.Rxa5 Rc8 41.Ra2 Qxg4 42.Qd3+ Qf5 ½-½ (42) Cesar Maestre, B (2373)-Ohanyan,E (2466) Montesilvano ITA 2023

[13] **10...Ne7** 11.b4 Ba7 12.h4 g4 13.Nh2 Ng6 14.Nhf1 Nf4 15.Bxf4 exf4 16.g3 d5 17.Bb3 dxe4 18.Nxe4 Bf5 19.gxf4 Nxe4 20.dxe4 Bxe4 21.Qxg4+ Kh8 22.Rg1 Bg6 23.Rg3 Re8+ 24.Ne3 Qd3 25.h5 Bxe3 26.fxe3 Rxe3+ 27.Rxe3 Qxe3+ 28.Kf1 Bd3+ 29.Kg2 Rg8 0-1 (29) yogg (2426)-Ankurgokhale2511 (2603) Blitz 2024

[14] **16.exd5** Nxd5 17.Ng3 f6 18.Nh5+ Kh7 19.a5 Qd7 20.Nd2 Rad8 21.Ne4 Qe7 22.0-0-0 c6 23.Rhe1 f5 24.gxf5 Bxf5 25.d4 Ndf4 26.Bxf4 Nxf4 27.Nxf4 exf4 28.Bd3 Kh8 29.Qh5 Qg7 30.Rg1 Bg6 31.Qf3 Qf7 32.Nxg5 hxg5 33.Rxg5 Bxd3 34.Rxd3 Rd5 35.h4 Bb8 36.Rd1 Rxg5 37.hxg5 Kg7 38.Re1 Bd6 39.Rh1 Rh8 40.Rxh8 Kxh8 41.Qh3+ Kg7 42.Qh6+ Kg8 43.Qxd6 f3 44.Qd8+ Kh7 45.Qf6 Qd5 46.Qh6+ Kg8 47.g6 1-0 (47) Fandorine96 (2710)-Andrey_Esipenko (2750) Blitz 2020

[15] **16.dxe4** Bxe4 17.Ng3 Bd3 18.Qd2 Re8+ 19.Kd1 Bg6 20.Bc2 Qf6 21.Bxg6 fxg6 22.Kc1 Rad8 23.Qc2 Ne5 24.Ne4 Nd3+ 25.Qxd3 Qf4+ 26.Qd2 Rxd2 27.Nexd2 Bxf2 28.Kc2 Re2 29.Rad1 Be3 30.Kd3 Rxg2 31.Rhf1 Bxd2 32.Nxd2 Rxd2+ 0-1 (32) Alexander_Zubov (2801)-SexyChessMen (2685) Blitz 2018

[16] **9...Bxf2+?!** Stamenkovic,Zoran 10.Bxf2 hxg5 11.h3±

[17] **11...Rh8** 12.Nf1 Kg6 13.h4 Bg4 14.Qg3 Nh5 15.Qxg4 Qc8 16.Qf3 f6 17.g4 fxg5 18.Qf7+ Kh6 19.hxg5+ Kxg5 20.Rxh5+ Rxh5 21.Qxh5+ Kf4 22.Qh6+ Kf3 23.Nd2+ Kg2 24.Qh4 Bxf2+ 25.Qxf2+ Kh3 26.0-0-0 1-0 (26) Neustroev,V (2283)-Paikens,R (2166) chess.com INT 2024

[18] **16.g4** Nd7 17.Be3 Kg7 18.h5 Bxd5 19.exd5 Ne7 20.Ne4 Kf8 21.Bxc5 Nxc5 22.Nf6 Rg7 23.g5 Ng8 24.h6 Rg6 25.Ne4 Nxe4 26.dxe4 Ke8 27.Qf5 Ne7 28.Qg4 f6 29.f4 exf4 30.Qxf4 fxg5 31.Rxg5 Rxh6 32.Rf1 Rh4 33.Qf7+ Kd7 34.Qe6+ Ke8 35.Rf7 Qh6 36.Qxe7# 1-0 (36) nmcrazyim5 (2626)-steinwand (2577) Blitz 2024

[19] **12.0-0-0** Meier,Georg: '?' Meier,Georg: 'Stamenkovic,Zoran: '?!' allows a main

defensive idea: allows a main defensive idea:' 12...Bxc4 13.Nxc4 Qe7 Meier,Georg: 'Stamenkovic,Zoran: ' ∓' Stamenkovic,Zoran: ' Δ Qe6' and the queen gets to e6 - consolidating. and the queen gets to e6 - consolidating.'

[20] **12...a5** 13.0-0-0 Nb8 14.Qg3 Nbd7 15.d4 Meier,Georg: 'Stamenkovic,Zoran: '!" 15...exd4 16.cxd4 Bxd4
[16...Bxd5 Stamenkovic,Zoran 17.exd5 Bb4 18.Bxf6+ Kxf6 19.Ne4+ Ke7 20.Rhe1 Bxe1 21.Rxe1 Rg8 22.Ng5+ Ne5 23.dxe5 dxe5 24.Qxe5+ Kd7 25.Qf5++-]
[16...Bb4 Stamenkovic,Zoran 17.e5+-]
17.Nf3 Bc5 18.Bxf6+ Kxf6 19.Qg5#

[21] **16.Bxa8** Rxa8 17.b4 Bb6 18.Ke2 Meier,Georg: 'Stamenkovic,Zoran: '±' With 3 pawns and a rook for 2 pieces, White of course has a significant edge, but some difficulties remain, as the white rooks won't be active for a long time. With 3 pawns and a rook for 2 pieces, White of course has a significant edge, but some difficulties remain, as the white rooks won't be active for a long time.'

[22] **15...Nbd7** 16.Bc6 Meier,Georg: 'Stamenkovic,Zoran: '!?'' 16...Rb8 17.Nc4 Meier,Georg: 'Stamenkovic,Zoran: '±''
16.Bd5 Meier,Georg: '?' Meier,Georg: 'Allowing Black to overprotect f6. Allowing Black to overprotect f6.'
[16.Bc6 Meier,Georg: '!' Meier,Georg: 'was definitely stronger, and may give great winning chances, but Black's position is still full of eye-popping resources. was definitely stronger, and may give great winning chances, but Black's position is still full of eye-popping resources.' Nxc6 17.bxc6 Ra8 18.h4 Rh8 19.d4 Meier,Georg: '!' *(19.Nc4* Meier,Georg: 'Slow play is not enough, after Slow play is not enough, after' *Bc5 20.h5 Rh6 21.Ne3 Bxe3 22.Qxe3 Qh8 23.Bxh6+ Qxh6 24.Qxh6+ Kxh6* Meier,Georg: 'Black is very well coordinated. Black is very well coordinated.'*)* 19...exd4 Meier,Georg: '!' *(19...Rh6 20.d5 Bc8 21.Nc4* Meier,Georg: 'Stamenkovic,Zoran: ' ±'' *Bc5 22.Bxh6+ Kxh6 23.Ne3* Meier,Georg: 'looks hopeless for Black. looks hopeless for Black.'*)* 20.e5 dxe5 21.Ne4 Nxe4 22.Bxd8 f5 Meier,Georg: 'Stamenkovic,Zoran: 'Diagram

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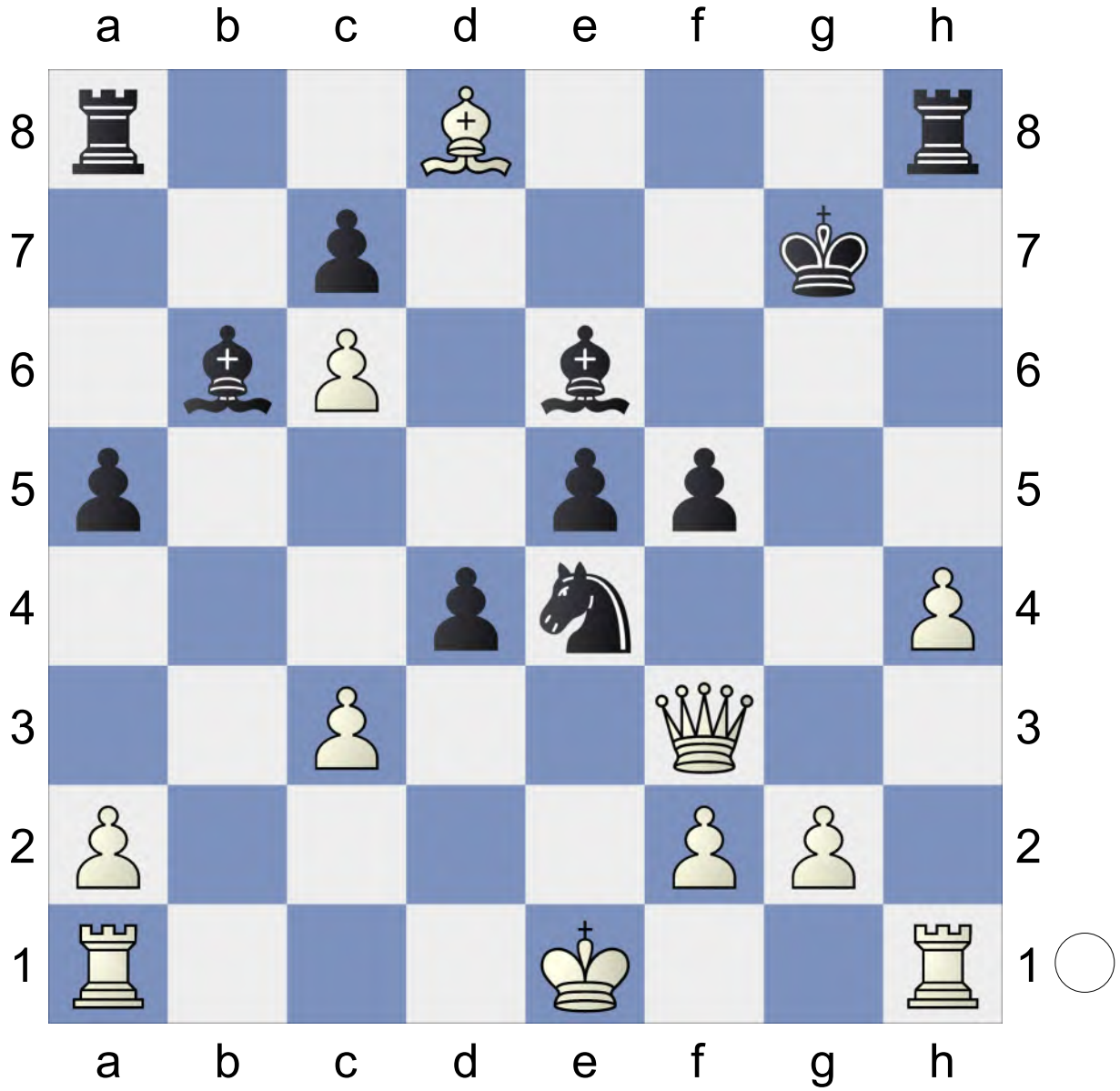

' Here we have a complete mess and direct attempts appear to run into powerful counterplay. Here we have a complete mess and direct attempts appear to run into powerful counterplay.'

A) 23.g4 Meier,Georg: 'Opening literally all the gates, but Black can respond in kind! Opening literally all the gates, but Black can respond in kind!' d3 Meier,Georg: '!' 24.Bxc7 d2+ 25.Kd1 Bxc7 26.gxf5 Bd5 27.Rg1+ Kf7 Meier,Georg: 'Stamenkovic,Zoran: ' ⇄" 28.Rg6 Meier,Georg: 'Looks like Black ran out of steam? Looks like Black ran out of steam?' Rab8 Meier,Georg: 'Reinforcements! Reinforcements!' 29.c4 *(29.Kc2 Rb5* Meier,Georg: 'calmly doubling on the b-file! calmly doubling on the b-file!'*)* 29...Rb2 30.cxd5 Rxh4 31.Rh6 Meier,Georg: '!' Rg4 Meier,Georg: '!' *(31...Rxh6* Meier,Georg: '??' *32.Qxe4* Meier,Georg: '+-'*)* 32.Rh7+ Kf6 33.Rh1 Rf4 34.Rh6+ Kg7 35.Rh7+ Kxh7 36.Qh5+ Meier,Georg: '=';

B) 23.Bg5 Nxg5 24.Qg3 Meier,Georg: '!' Meier,Georg: 'Neat, but not quite enough. Neat, but not quite enough.' Kf7 25.Qxg5 Rag8 26.Qd2 dxc3 27.Qe2 Meier,Georg: 'Black only has 2 bishops for the queen, but wonderful coordination after Black only has 2 bishops for the queen, but wonderful coordination after' Rg4 Meier,Georg: '!' Meier,Georg: 'Stamenkovic,Zoran: '⩲!" 28.0-0-0 Re4 Meier,Georg: 'and White is obliged to part with an important pawn or go: and White is obliged to part with an important pawn or go:' 29.Qc2 *(29.Qb5 Bxf2)* 29...Bc5 30.Rd7+ Kf6 31.h5 Ba3+ 32.Kd1 Bb4 33.a3 Bxd7 34.cxd7 Rd4+ 35.Ke1 Rd2 36.Qc1 c2 37.axb4 Rd1+ 38.Qxd1 cxd1Q+ 39.Kxd1 axb4 Meier,Georg: '=';

C) 23.Be7 Meier,Georg: '!' Meier,Georg: 'The sane approach, just sticking to the material. The sane approach, just sticking to the material.' 23...Kf7 24.Ba3 d3 25.0-0-0 Meier,Georg: '!' *(25.Rf1 d2+ 26.Kd1 Rad8)* 25...Nxf2 26.g4 Meier,Georg: '!' Nxg4 *(26...Rad8 27.c4* Meier,Georg: '!*)* 27.Qxd3 Meier,Georg: 'Stamenkovic,Zoran: ' ±" Kf6 28.h5 Meier,Georg: 'sees White consolidating without having to give up much material yet. Whenever neccesary, an exchange will be sacrificed to extinguish the counterplay. sees White consolidating without having to give up much material yet. Whenever neccesary, an exchange will be sacrificed to extinguish the counterplay.']

16...Nbd7 17.Nc4 Bxd5 18.exd5 Qe8 Meier,Georg: 'Black has consolidated and will be able to untangle gradually. Black has consolidated and will be able to untangle gradually.' 19.Ne3 Rg8 20.0-0 Nh7 21.Nf5+ Kh8 Meier,Georg: 'Relative safety, finally. Relative safety, finally.' 22.Bh4 Ra8 23.Rae1 f6 Meier,Georg: 'It's hard to formulate a plan for White here, while Black will just keep on improving his position, until opportunities come up. It's hard to formulate a plan for White here, while Black will just keep on improving his position, until opportunities come up.' 24.Re4 Nc5 Meier,Georg: 'Karjakin felt it was time to invite a repetition. Karjakin felt it was time to invite a repetition.'

[24...Qf7 Meier,Georg: '!?' 25.Nh6 Qg6 26.Nxg8 Rxg8 Meier,Georg: 'Stamenkovic,Zoran: ' ⩱' and again, Black's position seems easier to play, at the very least. and again, Black's position seems easier to play, at the very least.']

25.Re3 Nd7 26.d4 Meier,Georg: '!?' Meier,Georg: 'Stamenkovic,Zoran: 'Diagram

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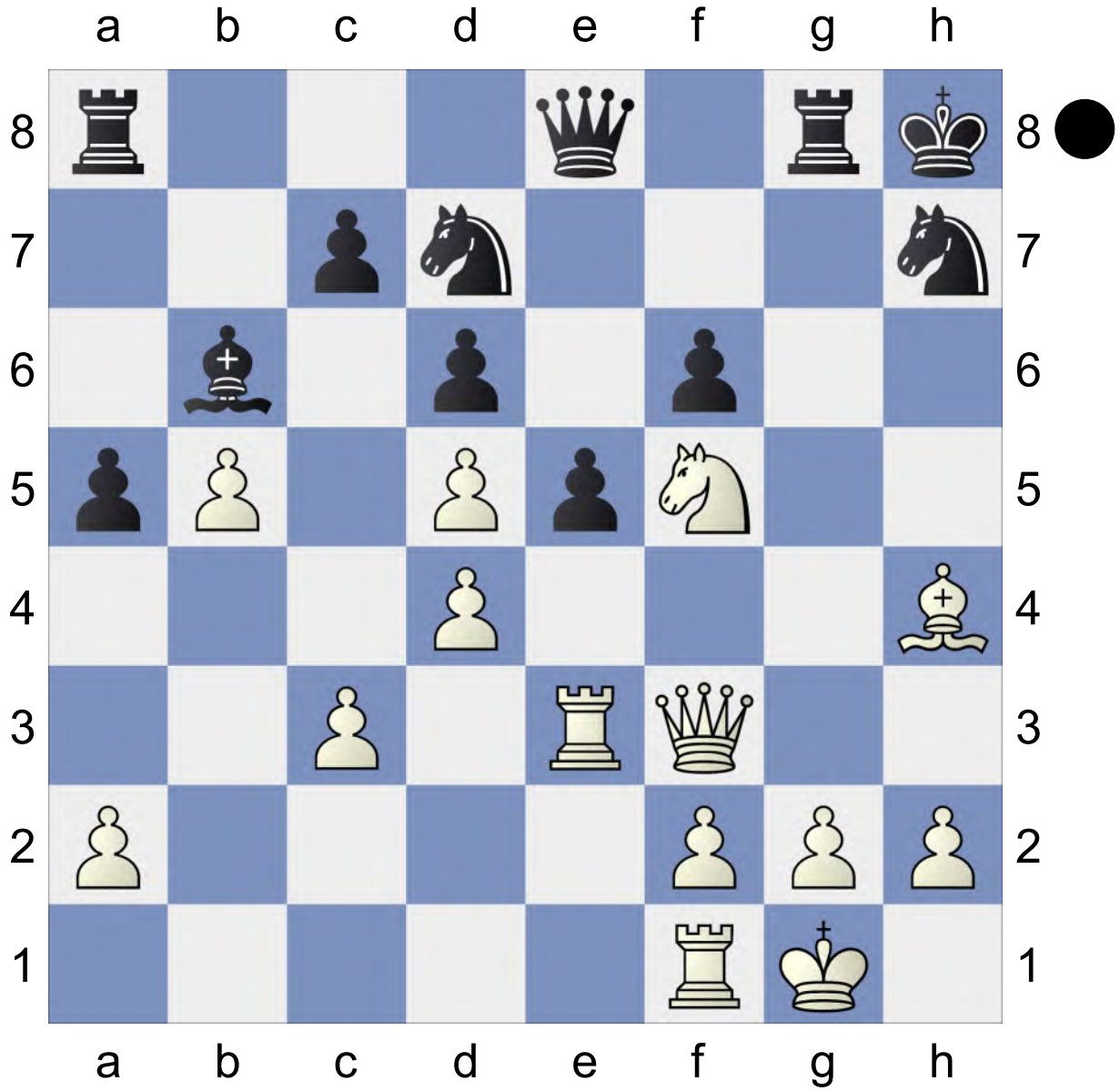

' I don't think White holds an advantage at this point, but as everybody knows, Magnus wants to fight it out! I don't think White holds an advantage at this point, but as everybody knows, Magnus wants to fight it out!' 26...Qg6 Meier,Georg: '!' Meier,Georg: 'I like the concept of giving up a rook for the very strong ♘f5. After that Black's position becomes very solid. I like the concept of giving up a rook for the very strong ♘f5. After that Black's position becomes very solid.'

[26...Ng5 Stamenkovic,Zoran 27.Bxg5 Rxg5 28.Re4±]

27.Ne7 Qg4 28.Nxg8 Rxg8 29.Qxg4 Rxg4 30.g3 It is a commonly used trick by seconds for upcoming World Championship matches to refuse to say anything about the opening moves claiming the need for secrecy and not revealing any secrets. Using that privilege to skip the first 30 moves is indeed taking it too far, but the only thing to report til now is that Karjakin has a strategically winning position and that after e.g the retreat 30...Qd8!? the Norwegian computer

"Sesse" always following Magnus games, gave as much as +3(!) for Black. But simply ...h4-h3 next would undermine White's defences and win trivially. But having already beaten Magnus once during this event, Karjakin thought why not make it 2-0 and in style? 30...exd4?! Magnus won 4 games in a row at Stavanger, and while in other sports or even in earlier stages of chess history that would not be seen as something special, in modern top-level tournaments it certainly is. Streaks requires a mixture of luck and skill, and as Larsen once pointed out, it is easier to win a bad position than a completely equal one. Meier, Georg: '?' Meier,Georg: 'Opening files should be done with great care only, when opposing the rooks. And here Black could just regroup to go after the stranded - but nagging - ♗h4 first. Opening files should be done with great care only, when opposing the rooks. And here Black could just regroup to go after the stranded - but nagging - ♗h4 first.'

[30...Nhf8 31.h3 *(31.Rd1 exd4 32.cxd4 Ng6)* 31...exd4 32.Re8 Rg8 33.cxd4 Ng6 Meier,Georg: 'Stamenkovic,Zoran: '∞"]

31.cxd4! Taking his chance (and a pawn!) immediately, but Karjakin obviously was expecting that and has a cunning plan up his sleeve: 31...Bxd4 32.Re8+ Meier,Georg: 'Of course White infiltrates immediately Of course White infiltrates immediately' 32...Rg8!? One can understand Karjakins attraction to this move. Not only is it beautiful, but also logical. White has a stranded rook on the queenside, while all black pieces join the attack on the white king. It would not be unreasonable if Black was just winning, but Magnus has a resource: 33.Re7! Absolutely neccesary amd modest-looking, but excactly enough fence off the black attack! 33...Bxg2 perhaps was what Karjakin intended, hoping for 34 Nxh4 Rxf2 but 35 Ng5+! turns the tables, as in this version of Black sacrificing his queen, after 35...Qxg5 36 Bxg5 Rxf2 suddenly 37 Qxf2 has become available. The computer suggests the calm 33...Kg8!? with an ultimately balanced position, but Karjakins ove also is not bad: Meier,Georg: 'Mysterious - exchanging Black's rook would greatly weaken the defence. Mysterious - exchanging Black's rook would greatly weaken the defence.'

[33.Rxg8+ Meier,Georg: ' ⌓' Kxg8 34.Kg2 Nhf8 35.g4 Ng6 36.Bg3 Meier,Georg: '±']

33...Rg7 34.Re4 Ne5? But here however he falters. 35.Kg2! Materially White is ahead plenty, so more importantly this opens the diagonal of the white queen towards the king on h7, as well as the 3-rank where the rook via a3 can join the defence. 35...Bb6 36.f4 36.f4! would have been more precise, as now 36... Re5!? becomes an extra option. 36...Ng6 37.Kh3 Meier,Georg: '?' Meier, Georg: 'Here Carlsen passed up on his last chance to force the favourable rook exchange. Here Carlsen passed up on his last chance to force the favourable rook exchange.'

[37.Re8+ Rg8 38.Rxg8+ Kxg8 39.f5 Meier,Georg: 'Stamenkovic,Zoran: '!?" *(39.Kh3* Meier,Georg: 'Stamenkovic,Zoran: ' ±"*)* 39...Ne7 40.g4 Nxd5 41.Bf2 Bxf2 42.Kxf2 Ng5 43.Re1 Kf8 44.h4 Nf7 Meier,Georg: 'Stamenkovic,Zoran: '±'

Black may hold, but he has to suffer without counterplay. Black may hold, but he has to suffer without counterplay.']

37...Kg8 38.Rfe1 Kf7 Meier,Georg: 'It's hard to play constructively as White here, which usually means that the opponent will in a practical game make progress one way or another. It's hard to play constructively as White here, which usually means that the opponent will in a practical game make progress one way or another.' 39.Re6?! "Sesse" gave 39 f4! as the winning move, but from a human perspective once can understand the logic behind leaving the the pawn on f3 giving the king somewhat more protection, as well as preparing the following manouver. And wile tactically flawed, it does win the game! 39...Rg8 40.R1e4 Meier,Georg: 'Stamenkovic,Zoran: '?!'' 40...f5? When Karjakin played his 30th move, he had considerably more time left on is clock than Magnus, but in the ensuing complications he caught up and being short on time blunders the game with his last move before the time-control. 40...Re7! was possible as 41 Qg5?? then loses to 41... Rxe1+ as 42 Bxe1 leaves the queen unprotected on g5. Thus 41 Qc3 would be neccesary but after 41...Rd7 white would according to the computers not have better than a repetition draw after 42 Qe3. 41.Re2 Now, however, White just wins trivially. There thraet of exchanging queens as well as h5 and f5 hanging, is more than the black position can handle. 41...Rh8 Meier,Georg: 'Black is step by step improving his position and would eventually shatter White´s pawn structure and try to go after the weak pawns one by one. Black is step by step improving his position and would eventually shatter White´s pawn structure and try to go after the weak pawns one by one.' 42.a4 Kg7 Meier,Georg: 'Stamenkovic,Zoran: 'Diagram

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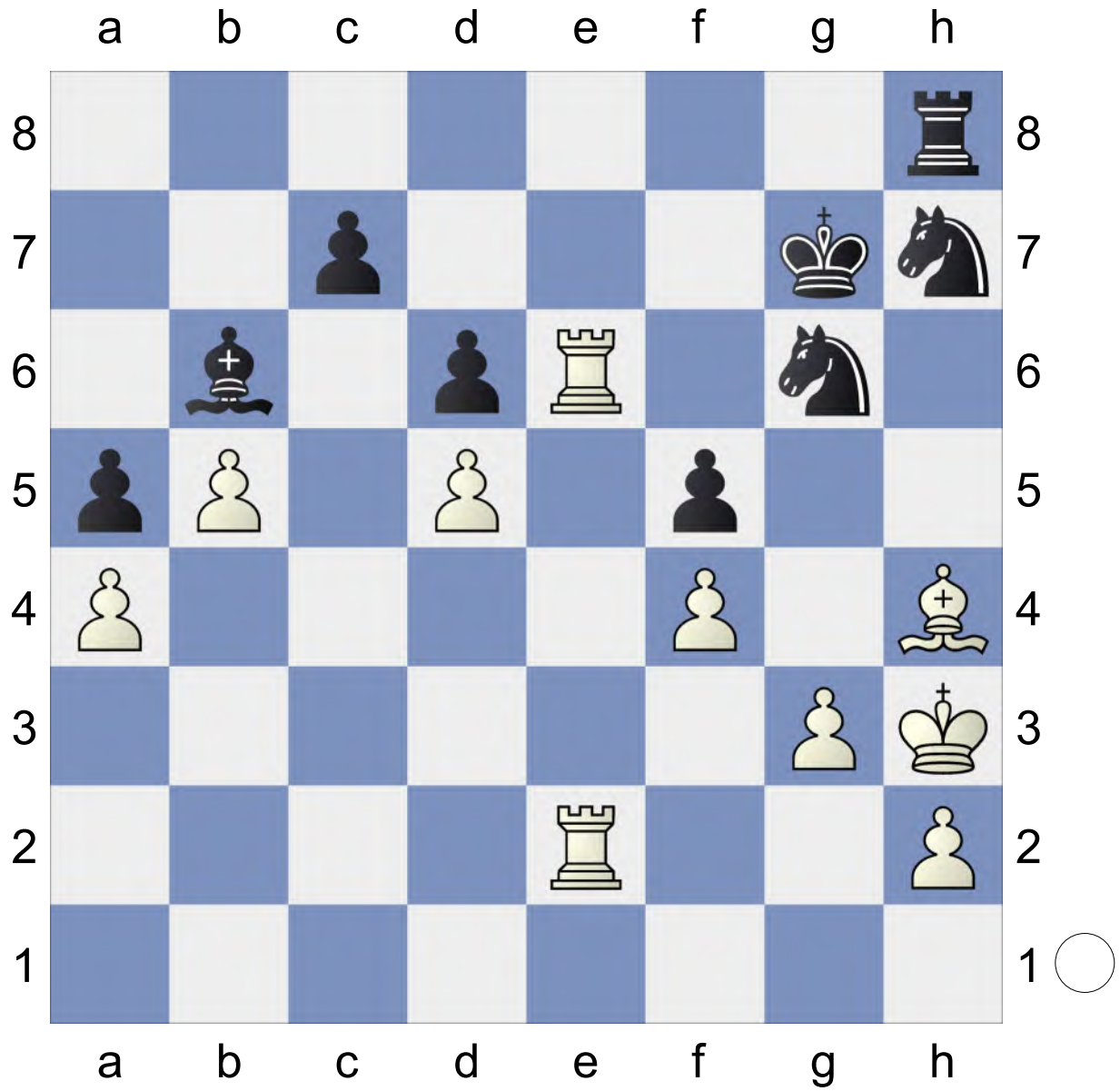

" 43.Rxg6+! Perhaps looking passive, but defending the b-pawn was neccesary. And as Larsen said: while opposite colored bishop endings often are drawn, when they are winning, the often win easily! And this is the case here indeed: White will rearrange to attack g7, and Black's bishop being of the opposite colour, means there just is no way to defend. Meier,Georg: 'A very very important decision! Carlsen uses his last chance to disturb Black's regrouping, and secures activity for his remaining pieces. A very very important decision! Carlsen uses his last chance to disturb Black's regrouping, and secures activity for his remaining pieces.'

[43.Re7+!? Meier,Georg: '!' Nxe7!? 44.Rxe7+ Meier,Georg: 'is the same is the same']

[Meier,Georg: 'while while' 43.Re8 Meier,Georg: '?' Nhf8 Meier,Georg: 'would leave White helpless already. would leave White helpless already.']

43...Kxg6 44.Re6+ Kf7 45.Re7+ Kg8 Meier,Georg: 'Stamenkovic,Zoran: '- 43.Rg6!" [45...Kg6 Meier,Georg: '!?' 46.Re6+ Kh5 Meier,Georg: 'looks awkward, as the black king is not that far from a mating net, but some calculation shows that Black is in time to regroup after looks awkward, as the black king is not that far from a mating net, but some calculation shows that Black is in time to regroup after' 47.Be7 Bd4 48.Kg2 Re8 49.Kf3?? Meier,Georg: '(h3-g4 would be a big threat...) (h3-g4 would be a big threat...)' Nf6 50.Bxf6 Meier,Georg: 'Stamenkovic,Zoran: '!" Rxe6 51.dxe6! Bxf6!? Meier,Georg: 'Still, White survives with perfect play: Still, White survives with perfect play:' 52.h3! Kg6!? was the logical way continuing to attack with maximum energy, when after 53.Ke3 Bb2! Black once again exploits that White can not take the offered piece. Surprisingly White would still be able to defend, as both 54.g4 and 36.Be3 keeps him in the game most likely to end in a draw by perpetual check fxg4 55.hxg4! Kf6 56.f5 d5 57.g5+! Ke7 58.g6 Meier,Georg: '=']
46.Kg2 Nf8 47.Bg5 Rh7 48.Re8 Kf7 49.Rd8 Meier,Georg: 'Black has no space to regroup now. Black has no space to regroup now.' 49...Kg8!? Trying to confuse the issue as else Bc3 next wins trivially. 50.Re8 Rf7 51.Bh6! Rf6 52.Bg5 [Meier,Georg: 'Even Even' 52.Rxf8+ Rxf8 53.Bxf8 Kxf8 Meier,Georg: 'is a fortress for White. is a fortress for White.']
52...Rf7 53.Bh6 But as 53... Bb5 54 Rb7 Ba6 55 Rb6 wins a piece and 53....Nb2 54 Bxb4 is hopeless, Karjakin resigned. 1-0 (53) Carlsen,M (2855)-Karjakin,S (2758) Stavanger 2021 CBM 204 [Nielsen, Peter Heine] Meier,Georg: 'What a full-blooded struggle, after the game seemed to be almost over early on! Karjakin's composure is admirable time and again. What a full-blooded struggle, after the game seemed to be almost over early on! Karjakin's composure is admirable time and again.'

[23] **9.Nf1** Be6 10.Qe2 Ne7 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Nh4 Kh7 13.Ng3 c6 14.Qf3 a4 15.Nh5 d5 16.Nxf6+ Kg7 17.Nh5+ Kh7 18.Nf6+ Kg7 19.d4 exd4 20.Nh5+ Kh7 21.Bd3 Ng6 22.Nf6+ Kg7 ½-½ (22) Godoy,D (2355)-Lobos,M (2218) Linares CHI 2000

[24] **16.fxe3** Nb8 17.0-0 Rh6 18.Bxh6+ Kxh6 19.Qxf6+ Qxf6 20.Rxf6+ Kg7 21.Raf1 Bxa4 22.Rxf7+ Kg6 23.Rf8 Bc6 24.R1f6+ Kg7 25.R6f7+ Kg6 26.g4 b6 27.Rf6+ Kg7 28.R6f7+ Kg6 29.h4 Na6 30.Rf6+ Kg7 31.R8f7+ Kg8 32.g5 Nc5 33.g6 Nxd3 34.h5 Bxe4 35.h6 Bxg6 36.Rg7+ Kh8 37.Rgxg6 Nc5 38.Rf7 Ne4 39.Rgg7 Rg8 40.Kf1 Rxg7 41.Rxg7 Nf6 42.Rxc7 Nd5 43.Rc8+ Kh7 44.Ke2 Nxe3 45.Kxe3 d5 46.Re8 d4+ 47.cxd4 exd4+ 48.Kxd4 Kxh6 49.Kc4 b5+ 50.Kxb5 Kg5 51.Ra8 Kf4 52.Rxa5 Kf3 53.Ra4 Ke3 54.Rc4 Kd2 55.a4 1-0 (55) Supi,L (2572)-Salik,S (1986) chess.com INT 2020

[25] **9...Qe7** 10.0-0 Be6 11.Kh1 Bxc4 12.Nxc4 Qe6 13.Ne3 Bxe3 14.fxe3 Ng4 15.Qe2 f5 16.h3 fxe4 17.dxe4 Nf6 18.Nd2 Ne7 19.Rf3 Nh5 20.Rxf8+ Rxf8

21.Qxh5 Ng6 22.Rf1 Rxf1+ 23.Nxf1 Kh7 24.Qf5 Qb3 25.Ng3 Qxa4 26.Nh5 Qc2 27.Qf7 Qd1+ 28.Be1 Qxh5 29.Qxc7 Qd1 0-1 (29) FireworkSufficient (2440)-ErenYeagaaa (2616) Blitz 2024

[26] **16.Bf2** Bxf2+ 17.Qxf2 Qf6 18.0-0-0 Qf4 19.Kc2 Rg8 20.Rdg1 Ne7 21.Nhf1 d5 22.exd5 Nxd5 23.Ne4 Rad8 24.Bxd5 Bxd5 25.Ne3 Be6 26.Ng5 Nxg5 27.hxg5 Rxg5 28.Rxg5 Qxg5 29.Qe2 Kg8 30.f4 exf4 31.Rxh5 Qg6 32.Qh2 Qxd3+ 33.Kc1 Qxe3+ 34.Kc2 Qd3+ 0-1 (34) FedaMaster (2572)-Poirot_Hercule (2699) Blitz 2023

[27] **16.Ne3** c6 17.Nhg4 Qh8 18.Nf5 Bxf5 19.exf5 Ne7 20.f6 Neg6 21.h4 gxh4 22.Bxh4 h5 23.Bg5 d5 24.Nh6+ Qxh6 25.Bxh6 dxc4 26.Bxf4 Nxf4 27.Rxh5 1-0 (27) SevanB (2610)-BetterAtTicTacToe (2867) Blitz 2022

[28] **16.Qe2** d5 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.exd5 e4 19.dxe4 Rfe8 20.Nd2 Ne5 21.0-0-0 Ra6 22.Kc2 Qd6 23.Nb3 Rb6 24.Nd4 Qd7 25.b3 c5 26.dxc6 Nxc6 27.Rhf1 Qe7 28.Kb2 Qxe4 29.Qc4 Ne5 30.Qc7 Rf6 31.Rxf6 gxf6 32.Nf5 Qg2+ 33.Ka3 Qxh3 34.Nd6 Rf8 35.Ne4 Qxg4 36.Nxf6+ Kg7 37.Nxg4 Nxg4 38.Rg1 1-0 (38) Marin Ferragut,P (2278)-Harish,N (2212) chess.com INT 2024

[29] **16.d4** g4 17.Ng1 Qf6 18.Ne2 Ngf4 19.Ne3 Nxe2 20.Qxe2 exd4 21.cxd4 Bxd4 22.Rad1 Bxe3 23.Qxe3 Qg5 24.Qc3+ Kg8 25.Bxd6 Re8 26.f4 gxf3 27.Qxf3 1-0 (27) Gabrielian (2660)-Ambartsumian,T (2156) Blitz 2024

[30] **16.Bxf4** exf4 17.Qe2 f6 18.a4 Qd7 19.axb5 Qxb5 20.Qxb5 Nxb5 21.Bd3 c6 22.Bc4 d5 23.exd5 Bxd5 24.Bxd5+ cxd5 25.Ra4 Rfe8+ 26.Kd1 Nd6 27.Re1 h5 28.Rxe8+ Rxe8 29.Ne1 Bc7 30.Nd3 Nf5 31.b4 Nh4 32.bxa5 Nxg2 33.a6 g4 34.hxg4 h4 35.a7 Ra8 36.Nb4 h3 37.Nf1 Bb6 38.Nxd5 Bxa7 39.Nh2 Rd8 40.Ne7+ 1-0 (40) Zhou,Y (2406)-Bin-Suhayl,I (2217) London ENG 2025

[31] **16.e5** Qg7 17.Nxd4 dxe5 18.Ne6 Bxe6 19.Bxe5 Nf6 20.Bxe6 Bb4 21.Qc2 Rae8 22.Qxf5 Qe7 23.Rhe1 Kg7 24.Bb3 Qc5+ 25.Kb1 Qc6 26.Ne4 Rxe5 27.Qxe5 Bxe1 28.Nxf6 Qxf6 29.Rxe1 Qxe5 30.Rxe5 Rxf2 31.Re7+ Kf6 32.Rf7+ 1-0 (32) Gabrielian (2756)-Poirot_Hercule (2681) Blitz 2023

[32] **16.Bh2** Re8 17.Bxc6 bxc6 18.Nc4 g4 19.hxg4 Bxg4 20.Ncxe5 Bh5 21.Qd7 Re6 22.Qxc7 Bc5 23.Nd7 Qe7 24.Nxc5 Qxc5 25.Nxh4 Rae8 26.Qf4 Rf6 27.Qe3 Qb5 28.b3 Kh8 29.c4 Qb4 30.a3 Qf8 31.Qc3 Kg8 32.Nf5 Rg6 33.Kh1 Ng5 34.f3 Kh7 35.g4 Nh3 36.Kg2 Bxg4 37.fxg4 Rxg4+ 38.Kxh3 Rg5 39.Bg3 Qc5 40.Kg2 1-0 (40) Kong,X (2444)-Zhou,R (2255) Qinhuangdao CHN 2024

[33] **16.Ne3** Bg6 17.Nd5 Nf6 18.d4 Ba7 19.Nxf6 Qxf6 20.Ne4 Bxe4 21.Rxe4 Rad8 22.Qb3 exd4 23.Re6 Qf5 24.Qxb7 dxc3 25.Rf1 cxb2 26.Qxb2+ Ne5

27.Re7+ Kg6 28.Bb3 Kf6 29.Rxc7 Bb8 30.Bc2 Qe6 31.Rh7 Qg8 32.Rxh5 Ke7 33.Rg5 Qf7 34.Bb3 Qf6 35.Qc2 Rd7 36.Qe4 Bc7 37.Rh5 Kd8 38.Ba4 Rdf7 39.Rd1 Kc8 40.Qa8+ Bb8 41.Rb1 Nd7 42.Rhb5 Kd8 43.Rxb8+ Nxb8 44.Qxb8+ Ke7 45.Re1+ Qe5 46.Rxe5+ dxe5 47.Qxe5+ Kd8 48.Qd6+ Kc8 49.Qb8# 1-0 (49) Xiao,T (2492)-Aradhya,G (2405) chess.com INT 2024

[34] Vorgänger: **11.h3** g4 12.hxg4 Bxg4 13.Qe1 Kh8 14.Kh1 Qf6 15.Nh4 Qg5 Rogozenco,Dorian: '-+' 16.f3 Be6 17.f4 ½-½ (34) Moriarty,A (2151)-Zordick,M (2187) ICCF email 2017

[35] **16.Qc2** Bg7 17.Rad1 Nc6 18.Nf5 Bxf5 19.exf5 Ng5 20.Ne4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 Qg5 22.Rfe1 Bxb2 23.Rb1 Bc3 24.Re3 Be5 25.Rxb7 Bxg3 26.hxg3 Ne5 27.Rxc7 Rac8 28.Rxc8 Rxc8 29.Bb3 Rogozenco,Dorian: '-+' 29...Rc1+ Rogozenco,Dorian: '-+' 30.Re1 Rxe1+ 31.Qxe1 Qxf5 32.Bd5 Nd3 33.Qe8+ Kg7 34.Be4 Qxf2+ Rogozenco,Dorian: '-+' 35.Kh2 Ne5 36.Qd8 Nf3+ 37.Bxf3 gxf3 0-1 (37) Benhadi,A (2460)-Semi Slav Marshall Gambit,T (2474) Tilburg 2022 ICCF 2019 [John Watson]

[36] **16.exf5** Bxf5 17.Ne3 Bg6 18.Bb5 Ne7 19.d4 exd4 20.cxd4 Bxd4 21.Ndc4 Bg7 22.Bxa4 Nf5 23.Nxf5 Bxf5 24.Bc2 Qf6 25.Bxf5 Qxf5 26.Qd2 Rae8 27.Rac1 Qf7 28.Ne3 Nf6 29.Nf5 Ne4 30.Rxe4 Rxe4 31.Nxg7 Qxg7 32.Qc2 Re7 33.b4 Rfe8 34.Qf5 Qf7 35.Qg5 Re1+ 36.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 37.Kh2 Re6 38.Qd8+ Kh7 39.a4 c5 40.b5 c4 41.a5 Qe7 42.Qc8 d5 43.a6 bxa6 44.bxa6 Qe8 45.Qb7+ Re7 46.Qxd5 Qa4 47.Qf5+ Kg7 48.Be5+ Rxe5 49.Qxe5+ Kf7 50.Qf5+ Ke7 51.Qe5+ Kd7 52.Qd5+ Kc7 53.Qc5+ Kb8 54.Qb6+ Kc8 55.Qb7+ Kd8 56.a7 c3 57.a8Q+ Qxa8 58.Qxa8+ Ke7 59.Qd5 g3+ 0-1 (59) nastroyani (2659)-Fastchess2345 (2751) Blitz 2023

[37] **16.Qxa1** Bb6 17.Qd1 Ne7 18.Bb3 Ng6 19.Nf5 Nxg3+ 20.fxg3 h5 21.Nc4 Bxf5 22.exf5 Ne7 23.Nxb6 cxb6 24.f6 Ng6 25.Qd2 Kh7 26.Qg5 d5 27.Qxh5+ Kg8 28.Qh6 d4 29.Qg7# 1-0 (29) strangerNE6 (2765)-MrFomanin (2735) Blitz 2023

[38] **16.a3** exd4 17.cxd4 g5 18.Bg3 Re8 19.Re1 Nh5 20.Bh2 Qf6 21.e5 dxe5 22.dxe5 Qg7 23.Qd5 Ne7 24.Qxb5 Ng6 25.Rad1 Nhf4 26.Bb3 Rab8 27.Qc4 Re7 28.Ba2 Kh8 29.Rd2 Rbe8 30.Bxf4 Nxf4 31.Red1 Ng6 32.Qc2 Nxe5 33.Nd4 Bxd4 34.Rxd4 Qf6 35.Bb1 Ng6 36.Rd8 Re1+ 37.Rxe1 Qxd8 38.Rd1 Qe7 39.Qf5 Kg7 40.Bc2 Qf6 41.Qxf6+ Kxf6 42.Kf1 Ne5 43.Rd5 Rb8 44.b3 a4 45.b4 Nc4 46.Bxa4 Nxa3 47.b5 Ke6 48.Rc5 Kd6 49.Rc6+ Kd5 50.Rxh6 Nxb5 51.Bxb5 Rxb5 52.Rh5 f6 53.h4 Ke4 54.hxg5 fxg5 55.g3 Kf3 56.Kg1 Rf5 57.Kh2 Kxf2 58.Rh8 Kf3 59.Rd8 c5 0-1 (59) nastroyani (2578)-Vahe_S (2633) Blitz 2023

[39] **16.cxd4** Bxd4 17.e5 dxe5 18.Bxe5 Rd8 19.Bxd4 Rxd4 20.Qc2 Qd7 21.Nf3

Rd5 22.Rad1 c6 23.Rxd5 Bxd5 24.Ne5 Qe6 25.Qc1 Qf5 26.f3 Bxa2 27.Qa1 Bd5 28.Qxa5 g4 29.Qc3 gxf3 30.Nxf3 Ne4 31.Qe3 Kh7 32.Nd4 Qg6 33.Nf3 Nf6 34.Qf4 Ne4 35.Rf1 f6 36.Qc7+ Qg7 37.Qxg7+ Kxg7 38.Nd4 Nd2 39.Re1 Nc4 40.b4 Ne5 41.h3 Nd3 42.Re7+ Kg6 43.Rxb7 c5 44.Rb5 Nxb4 45.Rxc5 Bf7 46.Nf3 Nd3 47.Rc7 Nf4 48.Ra7 Nd5 49.Kf2 Kg7 50.g4 Nc3 51.Ke3 Nb5 52.Rd7 Na3 53.Nd4 Nc4+ 54.Kf4 Ne5 55.Ra7 Kg6 56.Nf5 Nd3+ 57.Kg3 Ne5 58.h4 h5 59.Ne7+ Kg7 60.g5 fxg5 61.hxg5 Ng6 62.Nf5+ Kf8 63.Ra8+ Be8 64.Nd6 Ke7 65.Nxe8 Ne5 66.Nf6 Kf7 67.Nxh5 Kg6 68.Nf4+ Kxg5 69.Ra5 Kf5 70.Nd3 Ke4 71.Rxe5+ Kd4 72.Re8 Kxd3 73.Kf4 Kd4 74.Rd8+ 1-0 (74) Gabrielian (2690)-Gen_1 (2610) Blitz 2024

[40] **11...d5** 12.exd5 Bxd5 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Nh4 Bxc4 15.Nxc4 Ne7 16.Qg4+ Kh8 17.Qf3 Ng6 18.Nf5 Bf8 19.Rad1 c6 20.Re4 b5 21.Nce3 bxa4 22.Rxa4 Rb8 23.Qh5 Qd7 24.Nxh6 Bxh6 25.Qxh6+ Kg8 26.Rg4 Rxb2 27.h4 f5 28.Rg5 Re6 29.Nxf5 1-0 (29) pozvonochek (2808)-chessmaestro64 (2598) Blitz 2024

[41] **16.Rf1** Kg7 17.Nd2 Qe6 18.Qf3 Ng8 19.d4 d5 20.exd5 Qxd5 21.e4 Qd7 22.d5 Nb8 23.Nc4 f6 24.Ne3 Kh8 25.Rf2 Qg7 26.Raf1 Qg6 27.h4 Nd7 28.Nf5 Ne7 29.Ne3 c6 30.dxc6 Nxc6 31.Rd2 Nc5 32.Rxd8 Rxd8 33.Nf5 Rd3 34.h5 Rxf3 35.hxg6 Rxf1+ 36.Kxf1 Nxe4 37.Be1 Nc5 38.Ke2 Nxa4 39.b4 axb4 40.cxb4 b5 41.Kd3 Nb6 42.Ke4 Nc8 43.Bf2 N8e7 44.Bc5 Nxf5 45.Kxf5 Kg7 46.g4 Nd4+ 47.Ke4 Kxg6 48.Kd5 Nf3 49.Kc6 Nd4+ 50.Kd5 h5 0-1 (50) chessxiaoxiang (2871)-Gen_1 (2669) Blitz 2024

[42] **16.Kg3** exf4+ 17.Bxf4 Nh5+ 18.Kf3 Nxf4 19.Bxe6 Nxe6 20.d4 Qh5+ 21.Ke3 Qg5+ 22.Kd3 Nexd4 23.cxd4 Bxd4 24.Qf3 Qb5+ 25.Nc4 Ne5+ 26.Kxd4 Qxc4+ 27.Ke3 Nxf3 28.Rxf3 Re8 29.Rf4 d5 30.Rg4+ Kf8 31.Rd1 Rxe4+ 32.Rxe4 Qxe4+ 33.Kd2 d4 34.Re1 Qxg2+ 35.Re2 Qxe2+ 36.Kxe2 Ke7 37.Kd3 c5 0-1 (37) Hernandez Bermudez,U (2042)-Aravindakshan,S (2008) chess.com INT 2024

[43] **16.Rg3** Kf7 17.0-0-0 Qe7 18.Nc4 b5 19.Ne3 Bxe3+ 20.fxe3 Raf8 21.Rf1 Ke8 22.Qe2 Qh7 23.Rgf3 Nh5 24.d4 a6 25.g4 Ng7 26.Qg2 Rxf3 27.Rxf3 Qg6 28.a4 c6 29.axb5 axb5 30.Kd2 exd4 31.exd4 e5 32.Rf5 Ne6 33.Be3 Rxh4 34.d5 cxd5 35.exd5 Rxg4 36.Qf3 Nf4 Normal 0-1 (36) IMaMOB (2658)-titanshahmat2003 (2607) Blitz 2024

[44] **16.Rae1** Kg7 17.f4 Qg6 18.Qe2 f5 19.e5 gxf4 20.Bxf4 dxe5 21.Bxe5+ Kh7 22.Qf3 c6 23.h3 Re6 24.Bf4 Rfe8 25.Rxe6 Rxe6 26.Rd1 Qe8 27.Kh2 Be7 28.Qd3 Re4 29.Rf1 Bf6 30.Bg3 Qe6 31.Qf3 Kg6 32.Bb8 Be5+ 33.Bxe5 Qxe5+ 34.Kh1 Re2 0-1 (34) xenoxer (2666)-Lisztomaniax (2730) Blitz 2023

[45] **16.exf5** Ne7 17.Bc2 d5 18.g4 Bb6 19.0-0-0 Nc8 20.h4 Nd6 21.Rdg1 Rg8

22.Nf1 Rg7 23.Ng3 Qe7 24.Nh5 Rgg8 25.g5 fxg5 26.f6 g4 27.fxe7 gxf3 28.Nf6+ Kh8 29.Rxg8+ Rxg8 30.Nxg8 Kxg8 31.Rg1+ Kh8 32.Rg3 Bxf2 33.Rxf3 Bxh4 34.Rxf7 Bg5+ 35.Kd1 h5 36.Rf8+ Kg7 37.e8Q Nxe8 38.Rxe8 h4 39.Rxe5 Kf6 40.Re8 Kf5 41.Ke1 Kg4 42.Kf2 Bf6 43.Bd1+ Kh3 44.Re2 Kh2 45.Rc2 1-0 (45) Martinez Aleidi,J (2201)-Driza,A (2068) Calvia ESP 2004

[46] **16.Bh2** Qe7 17.g4 Bg6 18.h4 dxe4 19.dxe4 Nh7 20.h5 b4 21.hxg6 fxg6 22.Qc4+ Kg7 23.Ba4 Na5 24.Bxe5+ 1-0 (24) gmkantor (2795)-Akissed (2595) Blitz 2021

[47] **16.Nf1** Qe6 17.Nfe3 Ne7 18.d4 exd4 19.cxd4 Qxe4 20.Qh5 Nf5 21.Nd2 Qe6 22.Qf3 Nxd4 23.Qxb7 Nc5 24.Qxc7 Nd3 25.Qxd6 Nxe1 26.Rxe1 Qxd6 27.Bxd6 Nf5 28.Ndc4 Bxe3 29.fxe3 Rac8 30.b3 Rxc4 31.bxc4 Nxd6 32.c5 Ne4 33.Rc1 Rc8 34.c6 Kf8 35.Kf1 Ke7 36.Ke2 Kd6 37.Kd3 Nc5+ 38.Kc4 Ne6 39.Rf1 Rxc6+ 40.Kd3 Ke7 41.Ke4 Rc5 42.Ra1 f5+ 43.Kd3 Kf6 44.Ra4 Rb5 45.Ra2 Ke5 46.Ke2 Nc5 47.h3 Ne4 48.Rc2 Rxa5 49.Rb2 Rb5 50.Ra2 Nc3+ 51.Kd3 Nxa2 52.Kc4 Rb4+ 53.Kc5 Rb2 54.Kc4 Rxg2 55.Kd3 Rg3 56.Kc4 Rxh3 57.Kd3 Rf3 58.Kc4 Ke4 59.Kb3 Rxe3+ 60.Kb2 g4 61.Kxa2 g3 62.Kb2 g2 63.Ka1 g1Q+ 64.Ka2 Qf2+ 65.Kb1 Re1# 0-1 (65) Mamikon_Gharibyan (2716)-boris1178 (2532) Blitz 2024

[48] **16.exd5** Qxd5 17.Qe2 Rad8 18.Ne4 Nxe4 19.dxe4 Qe6 20.h5 b6 21.Ne3 Bxe3 22.fxe3 Rd7 23.Rf5 Kh7 24.Qxg4 Rg8 25.Qf3 Rg5 26.Rf6 Qg4 27.Qxg4 Rxg4 28.Kh2 Nd8 29.Bxe5 Rd2 30.Bf4 Rgxg2+ 31.Kh3 Kg7 32.Rf5 Ne6 33.Rf1 Nxf4+ 34.R5xf4 Rh2+ 35.Kg4 Rhg2+ 36.Kf3 Rxb2 37.e5 Rg5 38.Ke4 f5+ 39.exf6+ Kf7 40.Rf5 Rg4+ 41.Ke5 Rxa4 42.R5f4 Rb5# 0-1 (42) jimmy0613 (2613)-NightWarrior03 (2595) Blitz 2024

[49] **16.Qe2** f5 17.f4 exf4 18.Rxf4 e5 19.Rxf5 Nxf5 20.Nxf5 Qg6 21.Nf3 Rf7 22.N3h4 Qg5 23.Rd1 Rg8 24.g3 d5 25.exd5 Rgf8 26.Qe4 Kh8 27.g4 h5 28.Rg1 Bxg1 29.Qxe5+ Kg8 30.Nf3 Qf6 31.Qg3 hxg4 32.Qxg4+ Kh8 33.N5h4 Be3 34.Ng6+ Qxg6 35.Qxg6 Rxf3 36.Qh5+ Kg7 37.Qg4+ Kh6 38.Qh4+ Kg6 39.Qg4+ Bg5 40.h4 Rf1+ 41.Kg2 R8f2+ 0-1 (41) Z58-59_97 (2650)-Genious0 (2707) Blitz 2023

[50] **16.Ng3** Qd7 17.Qf3 Nh7 18.Nh5+ Kg6 19.Bd2 f5 20.exf5+ Qxf5 21.Qxf5+ Kxf5 22.Ng7+ Ke4 23.Nxe8 Rxe8 24.Ke2 Rg8 25.Rhg1 Ne7 26.Raf1 d5 27.cxd5 Kxd5 28.Be3 Bxe3 29.Kxe3 Kc4 30.Ke4 Rg5 31.f4 Nf6+ 32.Kf3 Rf5 33.g4 Rxf4+ 34.Kg2 Ned5 35.Rxf4+ Nxf4+ 36.Kh2 e4 37.g5 N6h5 38.g6 e3 39.g7 Nxg7 40.Rxg7 e2 41.Re7 Kd3 42.Kg3 Nd5 43.Re5 Ne3 44.Kf2 Nd1+ 45.Ke1 Ne3 46.h4 Ng2+ 47.Kf2 Nxh4 48.Rxe2 Nf5 49.Re5 Kc4 50.Rxf5 1-0 (50) BrittaBagels (2855)-titanshahmat2003 (2629) Blitz 2024

[51] **13...Ng6** 14.Nxg6 Bxc4 15.Nxf8 Bxd3 16.Qf3 Bc2 17.0-0 d5 18.exd5 Kxf8 19.Ne4 Qxd5 20.Qxf6 Bxe4 21.Rad1 Qe6 22.Qh8+ Ke7 23.Qxa8 c6 24.Qxb7+ Kf8 25.Qxb6 Bxg2 26.Qc5+ Kg7 27.Qe3 Bd5 28.Rxd5 cxd5 29.b6 Kh7 30.b7 Qd6 31.Kh1 e4 32.Qg3 Qa6 33.Rg1 Qg6 34.Qxg6+ fxg6 35.b8Q 1-0 (35) Korchmar,V (2429)-Rajanish,A (2084) chess.com INT 2025

[52] **16.Nxe4** Ng8 17.0-0 Qe7 18.Nf5 Qd7 19.Neg3 Rad8 20.Bb1 Ne7 21.d4 Ng6 22.Qh5 Bxf5 23.Nxf5 1-0 (23) Korchmar,V (2438)-Gerbelli Neto,E (2114) chess.com INT 2024

[53] **16.Nxc4** exd4 17.Nxd4 Nxe4 18.Nxb6 Nxb6 19.Qd3 d5 20.f3 Nxg3 21.hxg3 Qf6 22.Nf5 Re6 23.g4 Rae8 24.Rxe6 fxe6 25.Nd4 Rd8 26.Re1 e5 27.Nf5 Nxa4 28.c4 Nb2 29.Qa3 Nxc4 30.Qc3 a4 31.Kh2 a3 32.Rh1 h5 33.Kg1 h4 34.g3 a2 35.Kg2 Ra8 36.Ra1 Qb6 37.Qd3 Qxb5 38.gxh4 Ra3 39.Qd1 Qb2+ 40.Kh3 Qf2 41.Qxd5+ Kf8 42.Qd8+ 1-0 (42) chessiando (2830)-MothAndTheFlame (2869) Blitz 2022

[54] **16.Qxb5** Nxg3 17.hxg3 Bd7 18.Qb2 h5 19.Bd5 Rab8 20.Nb3 Kg7 21.Qd2 f6 22.d4 Nd8 23.Rfe1 Nf7 24.a6 b5 25.Na5 Qe8 26.c4 bxc4 27.Bxc4 g4 28.Nh4 Bxd4 29.Rac1 Rb2 30.Rc2 Qb8 31.Rxb2 Qxb2 32.Qxb2 Bxb2 33.Bd5 Bc3 34.Rb1 Bd4 35.Rb7 Bc8 36.Nc6 Bb6 37.Rxb6 cxb6 38.a7 Be6 39.Nb8 1-0 (39) Bhagat Kush (2288)-Yakubbaeva,N (2241) Doha QAT 2024

[55] **16.Bg3** d5 17.Rfe1 Nh5 18.exd5 exd5 19.Ne5 Nxe5 20.Bxe5 c6 21.h3 Nf4 22.Qe3 Rae8 23.Qg3 g5 24.Nf3 Nh5 25.Qg4 Qxg4 26.hxg4 Ng7 27.b5 cxb5 28.axb5 a5 29.Bd6 Rf4 30.Rxe8+ Nxe8 31.Bc5 Bc7 32.b6 Bd8 33.Rxa5 Rf7 34.Ne5 Rf6 35.Ra8 Normal 1-0 (35) Tasicio (2585)-Arhangel89 (2498) Blitz 2024

[56] **16.d4** Ng7 17.dxe5 d5 18.Nd4 c5 19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.exd5 exd5 21.c4 d4 22.Ne4 Nef5 23.a6 b6 24.Nf6+ Kh8 25.Qg4 1-0 (25) Multibrendovyi (2876)-Anuar_Is (2755) Blitz 2022

[57] **16.d4** g4 17.hxg4 Nxg4 18.Nf1 Kg7 19.Ne3 Nxe3 20.Rxe3 c6 21.Nh4 Nxh4 22.Bxh4 exd4 23.Rg3+ Bg6 24.cxd4 Bxd4 25.Rd1 Be5 26.Rf3 Qg4 27.Bg3 Qxe4 28.Bxe5+ Qxe5 29.Bd3 d5 30.Bxg6 Kxg6 31.Qxb7 Qe6 32.Rdd3 Rfb8 33.Rg3+ Kh7 34.Qc7 1-0 (34) Ruiz Bolanos,E (2079)-Pace,C (2053) chess.com INT 2025

[58] **16.0-0** axb4 17.Nh4 Qe6 18.cxb4 Nxb4 19.Qf2 g6 20.Rfb1 Nd3 21.Qg3 Nc5 22.Nf3 Qxc4 23.h4 Nxe4 24.Qe1 Nc5 25.Rb4 Qe6 26.Qg3 Rxa2 27.Rf1 e4 28.Nd4 Qe5 29.Qh3 Ne6 30.Rb5 d5 31.h5 Nxd4 32.exd4 Qxd4+ 33.Kh1 Ra1 34.Rbb1 Rxb1 35.Rxb1 Qd3 36.Rxb7 Qxh3+ 37.gxh3 Rc8 0-1 (37) Hollan,M (2218)-Dobes,V (2251) Kouty nad Desnou CZE 2016

[59] **16.Ng3** Nbd7 17.Nh5+ Kg6 18.Bh4 Qe7 19.Rg1 Rh8 20.Bc2 c5 21.Qe3 Rxh5 22.gxh5+ Kh7 23.0-0-0 Qf8 24.Qf3 Qh6+ 25.Bg5 Qxh5 26.Qe3 Rg8 27.f4 Bd8 28.Rdf1 Rg7 29.Bd1 exf4 30.Bxf4 Rxg1 31.Rxg1 Qxh3 32.Qxh3+ Bxh3 33.Rh1 Ne5 34.Rxh3+ Kg7 35.Kc2 Nfd7 36.d4 cxd4 37.cxd4 Nc6 38.Kd3 Nb4+ 39.Ke2 Nc6 40.Ke3 Bb6 41.Bxd6 Bxd4+ 42.Kd2 Nde5 43.Rg3+ Kf6 44.Bf8 Ke6 45.Bb3+ Kd7 46.Rg8 Bxb2 47.Bd5 Bd4 48.Ba3 Nc4+ 49.Bxc4 bxc4 50.Rf8 c3+ 51.Kd3 Ne5+ 52.Kxd4 c2 53.Kxe5 1-0 (53) Nozdrachev,V (2515)-Secret_Spion (2735) Blitz 2023

[60] **16.Qe2** b5 17.Ba2 Rfd8 18.Nf5 Bxa2 19.Rxa2 Ne7 20.h4 Nxf5 21.hxg5 Nd4 22.gxf6 Nxe2 23.Kxe2 Nxf6 24.Raa1 Kf8 25.Bg3 Ng8 26.g5 hxg5 27.Nxg5 Ke7 28.Rh7 Rf8 29.Rah1 Nf6 30.R7h6 Ng4 31.R6h4 Nf6 32.R4h3 Kd7 33.Bh4 Nh5 34.Bg3 Nf6 35.Rh6 Ng4 36.Rh7 Ke7 37.Bh4 Ke8 38.Rg1 Nf6 39.Rh6 Ng8 40.Rh8 Ne7 41.Rxf8+ Kxf8 42.Nh7+ Ke8 43.Rg8+ Nxg8 0-1 (43) Chigaev,M (2632)-Salem,A (2677) chess.com INT 2023

[61] **9...a5** 10.h3 Be6 11.g4 Bxc4 12.Nxc4 d5 13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.exd5 Ne7 15.Ncxe5 Nxd5 16.d4 Bd6 17.Qd3 c5 18.0-0-0 cxd4 19.Qxd4 Bxe5 20.Qxe5 Qxf3 21.Qxd5 Qf4+ 22.Kb1 Qxa4 23.Rd4 Qc6 24.Qxc6 bxc6 25.Ka2 f5 26.f3 Rae8 27.Rc4 Re3 28.Rxc6 ½-½ (28) Petersons,I (2347)-Krawczyk,W (2282) ICCF 2021

[62] **11...Bxc4** 12.Nxc4 g5 13.Nxg5 hxg5 14.Bxg5 Kg7 15.Ne3 Rh8 16.Nd5 Rh6 17.b5 axb5 18.axb5 Na5 19.Rxa5 Bxf2+ 20.Rxf2 Rxa5 21.Bxh6+ Kxh6 22.Rxf6+ Kg7 23.h3 c6 24.Qg4+ Kf8 25.Qh5 1-0 (25) Gabrielian,A (2507)-Karamsetty,J (2165) Chess.com INT 2017

[63] **16.axb5** Nb8 17.d4 Bg4 18.Nf1 d5 19.exd5 e4 20.Ne3 Qd7 21.Nxg4 Qxg4 22.h3 Qf5 23.Nd2 Bb6 24.Qc2 Nxd5 25.Nxe4 Nd7 26.Bd3 Nf4 27.Bxf4 Qxf4 28.Ng3 Nf6 29.Re4 Nxe4 30.Nh5+ Kg8 31.Nxf4 Nxc3 32.Qxc3 gxf4 33.Rd1 Bxd4 34.Bh7+ 1-0 (34) Demchenko,A (2670)-Kusa,J (2046) Teplice CZE 2018

[64] **16.cxd4** g5 17.Bg3 Nxe4 18.d5 Re8 19.Nxe4 Rxe4 20.Qc2 Qe7 21.Rac1 Nc4 22.Qd3 axb5 23.axb5 Ra3 24.Qc2 g4 25.Qd1 Nb6 26.f3 gxf3 27.Rxf3 Ree3 28.Rxe3 Rxe3 29.Bf2 Re5 30.Bxb6 cxb6 31.Qg4+ Qg5 32.Qc4 Qe3+ 33.Kh1 Qe1+ 34.Qf1 Qxf1+ 35.Rxf1 Rxd5 36.Rb1 Rc5 37.Kg1 d5 38.Kf2 Kg7 39.Ke3 Kf6 40.Kd4 Ke6 41.Rf1 Rc4+ 42.Kd3 f5 43.Re1+ Kd6 44.Re8 f4 45.Rd8+ Kc5 46.Rh8 Re4 47.Rxh6 Re3+ 48.Kd2 Kd4 49.Rh4 Ra3 50.g3 Ke5 51.Rxf4 Ra2+ 52.Ke3 Rxh2 53.Kf3 d4 54.Rg4 Rd2 55.Rg5+ Kd6 56.Ke4 Re2+ 57.Kxd4 Re6 58.Rg6 Rxg6 59.Ke4 Rg4+ 60.Kf3 Rg5 61.Kf4 Rxb5 62.g4 Ke7 0-1 (62) chessiando (2723)-iplayfortnite (2715) Blitz 2021

[65] **16.b5** Nb8 17.Qf1 Nbd7 18.Qg2 Bxf3 19.Qxf3 c6 20.h4 cxb5 21.Bxb5 Qc7

22.Bxd7 Nxd7 23.Nc4 Nb6 24.Nxb6 Qxc3+ 25.Ke2 Bxb6 26.Rhc1 Qb2+ 27.Kf1 Rac8 28.Rcb1 Qc2 29.Rxb6 Rc3 30.Rxd6 Rb8 31.Rd8+ Rxd8 32.Bxd8 Rxd3 33.Qe2 Qxe2+ 34.Kxe2 Rxd8 35.Rb1 Rb8 36.Rb5 b6 37.Rxe5 f6 38.Rb5 Kf7 39.Kf3 Rb7 40.Kg4 Kg8 41.f4 Kf7 42.e5 fxe5 43.Rxe5 Kf6 44.Rf5+ Kg6 45.h5+ Kh6 46.Rg5 Ra7 47.Rg6+ Kh7 48.Rxb6 Kg8 49.Rb5 Kh7 50.Kf5 Kg8 51.Ke6 Kf8 52.Kd6 Ke8 53.Kc6 Kd8 54.Kb6 Ra8 55.Rxa5 Rxa5 56.Kxa5 Ke7 57.Kb6 Kf6 58.a5 Kf5 59.a6 Kxf4 60.a7 g5 61.a8Q g4 62.Qg2 g3 63.h6 Kg5 64.h7 Kg6 65.h8Q Kg5 66.Qg8+ Kf4 67.Qf1+ Ke3 68.Qe8+ Kd2 69.Qff7 Kd3 70.Qfd7+ Kc4 71.Qec8+ Kb4 72.Qdb7 Ka4 73.Kc7 Ka5 74.Qca8# Normal 1-0 (74) Papakyriakou,P-Bilikaidou,Z lichess.org 2021

[66] **16.Qb3** Kg7 17.Nh4 Ne7 18.Nf1 d5 19.exd5 Nfxd5 20.Ng3 Rh8 21.Nhf5+ gxf5 22.Nxf5+ Kf8 23.Bxd5 Nxd5 24.Bxd8 Rxd8 25.a5 Ba7 26.b5 Nf4 27.Qa3+ Rd6 28.b6 Nxd3+ 29.Kf1 Bb8 30.bxc7 1-0 (30) Guachipey (2824)-landitirana (2579) Blitz 2020

[67] **16.Nd2** Nbd7 17.Qf3 b5 18.Rfc1 Rac8 19.c4 g5 20.Bg3 b4 21.Qd1 Nc5 22.f3 Nd3 23.Rc2 Nd7 24.Nf1 N7c5 25.Ne3 Kh7 26.Nf5 Qf6 27.Rd2 Nf4 28.Bf2 Rg8 29.Bxc5 Rxc5 30.g3 Ng6 31.Rg2 Ne7 32.Ne3 a5 33.Qd3 Ng6 34.Kf2 Ne7 35.Ke2 b6 36.Rh1 Kg7 37.h4 Kf8 38.Ng4 Qg7 39.hxg5 hxg5 40.Rgh2 Ke8 41.Rh7 Qf8 42.Nf6+ Kd8 43.Nxg8 Nxg8 44.Qe3 Kd7 45.Qxg5 b5 46.Qg7 Ke8 47.Qg4 Nf6 48.Qg5 Nxh7 49.Rxh7 bxc4 50.Qf6 Qe7 51.Rh8+ Kd7 52.Qf5+ Kc7 53.bxc4 Qd7 54.Qg5 Rxc4 55.Qg8 Kb6 56.Qa8 Rc7 57.Rb8+ Rb7 58.Rxb7+ Qxb7 59.Qd8+ ½-½ (59) Lagar,V (2211)-Bustos,C (2032) Buenos Aires ARG 2020

[68] **16.Qc1** Nh5 17.Bh4 Qd7 18.Nh2 f5 19.d4 exd4 20.exf5 Bxf5 21.Ndf3 Qg7 22.Bb3+ Kh8 23.cxd4 Rae8 24.Rxe8 Rxe8 25.Kh1 Nxd4 26.Nxd4 Bxd4 27.Qd2 Bxb2 28.Re1 Rxe1+ 29.Qxe1 Be5 30.Nf3 Nf4 31.Bg3 Nd3 32.Bxe5 Nxe5 33.Qc3 Be4 34.Ne1 Bc6 35.f3 Qg3 36.Qe3 Kg7 37.Kg1 h5 38.Be6 h4 39.Bh3 Kg6 40.a4 a5 41.Kf1 Bxa4 42.Qe4+ Kg7 43.Qxa4 1-0 (43) chessm3g1c (2698)-DmitryAkimov (2581) Blitz 2024

[69] **16.Qf7+** Rg7 17.Qxe6 Bxe3 18.fxe3 Qg8 19.Qxg8+ Raxg8 20.Rf1 Rf8 21.Ke2 Rgf7 22.g4 h5 23.gxh5 f5 24.exf5 Nxf5 25.Ng6 Rg8 26.Rf2 Kh6 27.e4 Kxh5 28.exf5 Rgg7 29.Rg1 Rf6 30.Nf4+ Kh6 31.Rxg7 Kxg7 32.Ne6+ Kf7 33.Nxc7 1-0 (33) Hirneise,J (2327)-Kraus,T (2473) chess.com INT 2022

[70] **16.Bh2** f5 17.exf5 Nxf5 18.Nxf5+ Bxf5 19.Qe2 g4 20.hxg4 Bxg4 21.Qe1 Qh4 22.Ne4 Bf5 23.Qd2+ Kg6 24.Rae1 Rae8 25.Ng3 Bg4 26.d4 Qg5 27.Bc2+ Kh6 28.f4 Qg7 29.fxe5+ Ng5 30.exd6 cxd6 31.Rxe8 Rxe8 32.Nf5+ Bxf5 33.Rxf5 Rf8 34.Qf4 Rxf5 35.Qxf5 Bb8 36.Bf4 1-0 (36) Radovanovic,N (2418)-Pranav,A (2303) Graz AUT 2019

71 **16.Ng4** Qg7 17.e5 Bxg4 18.hxg4 Ng6 19.e6 fxe6 20.Qxe6+ Kh7 1-0 Herushkanamura-Garoy/Blitz 2022